



# *Proclamation*

*Presented to*

## **Special Events Hawai'i**

### **In Recognition of the Hawai'i Chocolate Festival**

**WHEREAS**, Hawai'i is the only state in the United States currently growing Cacao because of climate requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, Cacao thrives in Hawai'i's soil, thereby, like Kona Coffee has a rich, unique flavor; and

**WHEREAS**, Cacao represents quality over quantity, a niche market in which Hawai'i can excel; and

**WHEREAS**, Cacao can be combined successfully with many other locally-grown products thereby enhancing other crops' profits simultaneously such as papaya, mango, lilikoi, pineapple, Ka'u orange, apple banana, etc.; and

**WHEREAS**, Cacao provides great employment and economic opportunity for the citizens of Hawai'i in areas such as research, marketing, agriculture, ecotourism and retail; and

**WHEREAS**, Special Events Hawaii will be spotlighting Hawaiian Grown Cacao at a **Hawai'i Chocolate Festival** to be held at Dole Cannery on February 26, 2011; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the **Hawai'i Chocolate Festival** is to stimulate global interest in Hawai'i's emerging chocolate industry;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE**, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February, 2011, as

### **"HAWAIIAN-GROWN CACAO MONTH"**

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-second day of February, 2011.

Neil Abercrombie  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

Brian Schatz  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i